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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: COMPOSITION GELLED WITH A DEXTRIN ESTER
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 57 pages, including title page and abstract, and including 9 independent claims and 102 claims total.
2. Information Data Sheet (2 pgs.).
3. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (3 pgs.)/Form PTO 1449 (2 pgs.)/French Search Reports (7 pgs.)/Documents (19).
4. Claim for Priority/Certified copy of each of French Patent Application No. 02 09887, filed August 2, 2002; French Patent Application No. 02 09888, filed August 2, 2002; and French Patent Application No. 02 09889, filed August 2, 2002.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Total Claims | 102 | - | 20 | 82 | X \$ 18 | \$ 1,476.00 |
| Independent Claims | 8 | - | 3 | 6 | X \$ 84 | \$ 504.00 |
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Applicant also claims the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/402,070; 60/402,072; and 60/402,073, all filed August 9, 2002, in the United States.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the executed Declaration.

Please accord this application an application number and a filing date.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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